Calcutta Telephones

2683. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the General Managers (North and South) of Calcutta Telephones have not taken concrete action so far to restore telephone connections to the subscribers whose telephones under their jurisdiction were disconnected even against paid bills;

(b) whether peculiar situation leading to disconnection of telephones despite payment of specific bill had arisen due to defaults of accounts department of the Calcutta Telephones;

(c) whether Calcutta Telephones have been demanding the payment of rental charges for these dad and disconnected telephones for the post-disconnection period;

(d) whether Government would direct the Calcutta Telephones to waive such charges from being recovered from the affected subscribers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Sir, No telephone has been disconnected where payment was made with the due date.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise, in view of the above.

एस०टी०डी० / आई०एस०डी० लाइनों का अति-व्यस्त रहना

2684. **श्री गोविन्दराव आदिक:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि आजकल सभी एस०टी०डी० और आई०एस०डी० लाइनें व्यस्त रहती हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि उपभोक्ताओं को एस०टी०डी लाइनें तुरन्त उपलब्ध नहीं होती हैं;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) सरकार उपभोक्ताओं को एस०टी०डी० लाइनें उपलब्ध करवाने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुख राम) (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता। किसी भी विशेष समय में परियात की अधिकता के फलस्वरूप सभी सर्किटें व्यस्त रह सकती हैं, किन्तु यह एक अल्पकालीन समस्या है।

(घ) सभी एस टी डी मार्गों के परियात की आवधिक पुनरीक्षा की जाती है और परियात के अनुसार उचित ठहराये गए एस टी डी सर्किटों की संख्या को बढ़ाने के लिए कार्रवाई की जाती है।

Long Distance Public Telephones

2685. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:
SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of long distance public telephones working in Maharashtra as on end of June 1994;

(b) the number of such telephones opened during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 in each district, district-wise, in Maharashtra; and

(c) the targets fixed for 1994-95 district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) As on June 30, 1994, the number of Long Distance Public Telephones (LDPTs) working in Maharashtra State is 6548.

(b) The numbers of such telephones opened during the last three years are as under:—

year	No. of LDPTs Opened
1991-92	422
1992-93	945
1993-94	2,781

District-wise details are given in annexed Statement (*see* below)

(c) No specific targets have been fixed. The opening of LDPTs depends on actual survey, technical feasibility and availability of resources.

Statement

District-wise details of Long Distance Public Telephones opened in Maharashtra during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Long Distance Public Telephones Opened During:		
		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
1.	Ahmednagar	10	59	69
2.	Akola	4	35	187
3.	Amravati	19	36	200
4.	Aurangabad	12	57	103
5.	Beed	15	14	95
6.	Bhandara	22	67	191
7.	Buldhana	13	17	90
8.	Chandrapur	16	48	101
9.	Dhule	4	24	116
10.	Gadchiroli	14	0	51
11.	Jalgaon	19	64	176
12.	Jalna	2	63	67
13.	Kohlapur	6	28	87
14.	Lathur	16	14	73
15.	Nagpur	46	119	86
16.	Nanded	13	21	82
17.	Nasik	12	39	176
18.	Osmanabad	44	24	76
19.	Parbhani	7	15	81
20.	Pune	6	12	32
21.	Raigad	0	1	11
22.	Ratnagiri	2	0	15
23.	Sangli	11	9	80
24.	Satara	25	9	111
25.	Sindhudurg	0	0	10

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Long Distance Public Telephones Opened During:		
		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
26.	Solapur	90	70	152
27.	Thane	20	46	119
28.	Wardha	1	40	57
29.	Yeotmal	13	14	87
	TOTAL:	422	945	2781

Delegation of Powers to Central Government Departments

2686. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the various departments of the Central Government have powers under the Delegation of Financial Powers Rules to enter into contracts costing more than two lakhs U.S. dollars with international agencies for consultancy services in connection with the preparation of a project report for development of management information system;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Department of Science and Technology or National Informatic Centre under Planning Commission have necessary expertise for rendering such consultancy services or for carrying out the necessary networking international level; and

(c) if so, the reasons for awarding such contracts to any outside foreign/ international agency resulting in loss of foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Ministries/Departments do not have powers to enter into contracts with international agencies for consultancy services. However, they can do so with the previous consent of the Ministry of Finance.

(b) Department of Science and Technology have no expertise, at present, for rendering consultancy expertise services for carrying out net working at national and international level. However, NIC under the Planning Commission have such expertise.

(c) No contracts have been awarded by the Department of Science and Technology to foreign agencies for consultancy services for carrying out networking.

Duping Public by Delhi Branch of M/s. Favourite Small Investment Company

2687. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Favourite Small Investment Co., Calcutta was allowed to take deposits in the name of Small Savings Scheme from public and it collected a huge amount from public through their branch in Delhi during the year 1984;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Company has since wound up its Delhi office after duping the public; and

(c) if so, what remedial steps are being taken to refund the deposits of the innocent public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) M/s. Favourite Small Investment Limited, Calcutta is a residuary non-banking company, with one of its branches in Delhi, accepting deposits from the public. Separate information